

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

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David J. Bradley, Clerk

United States of America

v.

Case No.

M-20-0301-M

Yesmin CORONA

Y.O.B: 1982 Citizenship: USA

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of February 01, 2020 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

21 USC § 952

Importation of Controlled Substances - the defendant did knowingly and intentionally import 5 kilograms or more of cocaine from the United Mexican States into the United States, that is approximately 11.2 kilograms of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See "Attachment A"

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

/s/ John Reinoso

Complainant's signature

John Reinoso, HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 02/02/2020 2:18 p.m.City and state: McAllen, Texas

Judge's signature

Peter E. Ormsby, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Attachment A

On February 01, 2020, a 2014 Nissan Sentra driven by Yesmin CORONA, a United States Citizen, made entry into the United States at the Pharr Port of Entry in Pharr, Texas from Mexico. At primary inspection CORONA stated to a Customs and Border Protection Officer (CBPO) she was traveling from Reynosa, Mexico to pick up her daughter in McAllen, Texas. During post primary inspection, a CBPO canine "Miso" alerted to the undercarriage of the vehicle. The vehicle was then taken for a Z-portal X-Ray exam where officers noticed anomalies in the gas tank of the vehicle. CBPOs removed the back seat of the vehicle and noticed tampering in the gas pump area. The gas pump was removed and ten bundles weighing 11.2 kilograms of a substance that tested positive for the chemical characteristics of cocaine were extracted. Three of the bundles had the name "Corona" written inside the inner wrappings of the bundles.

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agent (SA) and Customs and Border Protection Task Force Officers (CBP TFO) responded to the Pharr Port of Entry to interview CORONA. During the custodial interview, CORONA told agents that she was aware she had contraband in the vehicle. CORONA later admitted to investigators that she thought she had narcotics in the vehicle.